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### Timely Tidbits ...

### Gunn Injured in Virginia Bus Accident

Tiandra Gunn, daughter of Charles and Angela Hamilton of Inkster, was one of a number of youths and adults who were injured when their chartered tour bus, which was visiting various historical civil-rights sites, swerved off of I-95 and dropped about 150 feet down a steep incline, crashing through trees and brush, to end up in Virginia's Nottaway River about 50 miles south of Richmond.

The accident has received a great deal of coverage in the national media, in part because its sole fatality was 25-year-old Adisa Foluke, who was considered by civil-rights leader Rosa Parks to be a sort of "adopted grandson."

Besides immediate injuries involving multiple broken bones in her ankles, legs, and knees, the 16-year-old has also developed a dangerous swelling of her brain and begun suffering seizures. Her parents have travelled to Virginia, where she is hospitalized, in order to be with her.

Charles and Angela Hamilton are familiar to many Romulus residents because of the work they do in connection with the Romulus Recreation Center. Members of the community who would like to help the couple during this time of crisis should contact the Recreation Department (942-6852) for more information.

### School District Seeks Bus Drivers, Aides

Romulus Community Schools is currently hiring bus drivers and bus aides. Applicants must have a valid Michigan driver's license, a good driving record, and a desire to work with children.

Training will be provided for qualified individuals.

Application may be made to the Transportation Department at the District's administrative office (located at 36540 Grant Road in Romulus) between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. For more information, call 941-1600.

### Local Woman Bikes 450 Miles in Fund Raiser

Lisa Decker, the daughter of Dennis and Karen Decker of Romulus, was one of approximately 1,600 bicyclists who made a six-day journey from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Chicago as part of the "Twin Cities→Chicago AIDS Ride Presented by Tanqueray" which was held July 1–6. The fund-raising event has generated approximately \$4 million for AIDS-related services at various facilities in Chicago and Minneapolis.

The AIDS Ride is not a race; each cyclist travels at his or her own pace along the route. The 450-mile course is an often breathtaking mosaic of the area's diverse terrain – a montage of river banks and wildflower country, farming communities and forests that showcases the beauty of the Great Lakes region.

"Participating in the AIDS Ride was probably one of the most incredible experiences I've ever had," said Decker, a 1994 graduate of Romulus High School who currently resides in Livonia. "It was so much more than a bike ride; it was an experience that increased my

awareness of the impact that HIV/AIDS can have on people and their friends and family. Seeing so many different kinds of people come together to support each other in the fight against AIDS aroused an indescribable feeling."

Decker said that, although the sixday trek was a definite challenge, it was also personally rewarding.

"Every morning for six days, all 1,630 riders would rise early in the morning and attempt to make it through another day without too many disasters. Every day felt a little longer, and the pain got a little stronger, but the excitement kept us going."

But perhaps the biggest challenge posed by the Ride is one that the 20-year-old Decker has not yet completely met: raising the event's \$2,300 minimum sponsorship amount.

"I sent letters to my family and friends, and they, in turn, passed copies along to others. The response I got was better than I had expected — in fact, some of my family members surprised me with the amount they donated—but,



Lisa Decker (left) and friend Kerri Garavaglia.

even after turning to additional fundraising efforts such as bottle drives, car washes, and door-to-door soliciting, I am still \$600 short of my goal.

> "I'm hoping to gain the support of continued on page 6

### Romulus Teachers Travel the World Via Internet

Twenty teachers from the Romulus school district spent part of their summer vacation in the classroom to learn about the Internet and how it can make them more effective teachers. The Internet class was taught by Phil Rossman, a local resident who runs Romulus High School's advanced math computer lab during the school year.

"After the teachers were given a general overview, they practiced using software applications which were written for the Internet," Rossman stated. "Web-based projects that support classroom outcomes are taught during each session, with each teacher learning to create a web page to use in his or her classroom."

Alexa Azzopardi – a sixth-grade teacher at Halecreek Elementary School who believes that today's students need a bigger picture of the world around them – was one of the instructors who took the course to learn more about the Internet and how it can be used to help educate her students.

"I plan to give my students Internet assignments that can be tackled during their free time," said Azzopardi, who went on to explain that one of the District's major goals regarding technology is to have all students use computers more creatively to seek out information and to work on various projects. "With all the computers at Halecreek, students will have ample time and opportunity to complete the tasks."

Romulus High School business teacher and department head Florence Satterlee also took the course in order to teach her students to use the Internet effectively.

"Our business lab and writing lab will have Internet access from every student computer, and I am in the process of writing web-page activities for my students to use this coming school year. The Internet—already a major part continued on page 6



Sixth-grade teacher Alexa Azzopardi designing her Halecreek web page, which will be used this coming school year.

### The Editor's Opinion

### Let's Support Those Who Support Us

By Kristi Stephens

It isn't just the weather that's causing many small-business owners in the downtown area to "feel the heat." As the seemingly interminable work on Goddard Road continues, these proprietors have endured a steady decline in traffic because some of their customers have. understandably, begun patronizing other establishments rather than suffer the inconveniences engendered by the construction. But, even though most people agree that this project, when completed, will provide a boost to the area's overall economic health, the promise of future prosperity offers little comfort to those withstanding serious losses now. The businesses along Goddard aren't major corporations with large cash reserves to tide them over during lean times; they're mostly family-owned establishments with modest profit margins that can be significantly diminished by even a moderate decrease in business.

So, once again, we at "the little paper" would like to give our readers a gentle reminder about the importance of patronizing local shops. Isn't it worth a little inconvenience to show your support of those who are, in many ways, the backbone of our community? Besides creating jobs and contributing to the City's tax base, these business people are usually among the first to participate in local service organizations, and to give generously to fund-raising efforts and community programs.

They've been there for us: surely we can do the same for them.  $\square$ 



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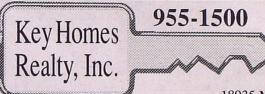
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### Legislative Update

### For the Week of July 28, 1997

By State Representative Raymond E. Basham, 22nd District

### **Pro-family Tax Cuts Approved**

The House and Senate have approved a \$120-million tax-cut package which saves money for every taxpayer in Michigan, cuts taxes dramatically for Michigan families, and makes college more affordable.

The standard income-tax deduction was increased from \$2,500 to \$2,700 for adults and children over 12 years of age; parents of children six to 12 years old will be able to deduct \$3,000 per child. This translates into a savings of \$22 for each child ages six to 12, and \$32.50 for each child under six.

The Legislature also doubled the State income-tax credit for college tuition, from four percent of tuition and fees to eight percent, and expanded the maximum credit from \$250 to \$375.

### **Road Funding Plan Approved**

The Legislature approved a bipartisan package which raises \$355 million in new revenue to fix Michigan's roads. The plan utilizes \$69 million in interest from the budget stabilization fund, and raises \$43 million by modernizing fees for trucks and \$200 million from the four-cents-per-gallon gas-tax increase proposed by the Governor. Three cents of the increase will be divided between the State, counties, and cities and villages; the remaining one cent is designated for bridge repair.

The package preserves local control over local roads and protects the distribution of road funding from the State to local communities.

### Michigan Seeks Reimbursement for Tainted Strawberries

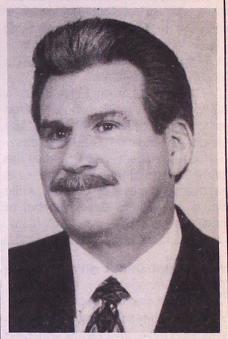
Attorney General Frank Kelley has requested that the State be reimbursed for costs related to the distribution of tainted strawberries. A reported 267



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Representative Ray Basham

people, mostly children, became ill after being exposed to Hepatitis Afrom strawberries served in schools as part of the schools' lunch program. The Mexico-produced frozen strawberries were illegally distributed by the Andrew and Williamson Sales Company of San Diego. The House Consumer Protection Committee held public hearings looking into the matter. The State has requested \$725,411 from the company, which would be given to the State and local governments.

### New Database To Be On-line Soon

A new web database which lists more than 201,000 magazines, newspapers, and other materials, is expected to be on-line soon. The Serials, Periodicals, and Newspapers (SPAN) database lists both the publications and the Michigan libraries in which they can be found. Although access to SPAN—available through the Internet and in a CD-ROM version—will be limited to local public and academic libraries at first, it will also be accessible through home computers beginning in September.

### **Deadline for Hunting Licenses**

Attention hunters: This year, the deadline for an antlerless-deer permit was moved to August 1 (the old deadline was September 24).

Last year, the Legislature made a number of changes that will affect hunters, implementing a \$4 application fee and making licenses available "overthe counter" instead of through a drawing.

More than 456,000 antlerless-deer hunting licenses are available this year, compared to 400,000 last year. Deer licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. □

### Take Your Taste Buds on a **Tour Around the World**

By Florine Mark, president and chairman of the board of The WW Group

You don't have to travel the world to enjoy worldly cuisine. In fact, you can easily prepare traditional foreign foods in your own kitchen without ever leaving U.S. soil. For a low-calorie, low-fat tour, let Weight Watchers take your taste buds to a faraway land.

The first stop on our trip takes us to Greece, where you'll sample Broiled Lamp Chops with Feta Cheese. The feta cheese and mint used in this easyto-prepare recipe were inspired by the sunny Grecian islands. Feta cheese is the classic cheese of Greece, while mint is an ancient Greek symbol of hospitality.

Next, "All aboard!" to Morocco, where you'll enjoy the cool, hot, and sweet flavors of that nation's cuisine in Vegetable Tagine, a traditional Moroccan stew. Tagines are also made with chicken or beef, and are often served with couscous.

For our final destination, we'll visit the Philippines and try Citrus Red Snapper. This recipe uses orange, lemon, and lime juice to simulate the taste of calamondin, a tiny citrus fruit with a special flavor all its own.

This is the end of our tour, but it doesn't have to be the end of the line! Journey in your kitchen and explore the flavors of other countries. You'll also get a taste of their culture!

### **Broiled Lamb Chops w/Feta Cheese** (makes 4 servings)

11/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves 1/2 teaspoon dried mint leaves, crumbled 1/4 garlic clove, finely minced

Four 3-ounce boneless lamb chops Preheat broiler. Spray rack in broiler pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine feta cheese, oregano, mint, and garlic; set aside.

Place lamb on prepared broiler rack; broil 4" from heat, 3-4 minutes, until well browned. Turn chops over; spread evenly with feta cheese mixture. Broil 6-8 minutes longer, until lamb is cooked through and cheese mixture is browned. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Each serving (1 lamb chop) provides: 21/2 Protein/Milk.

Per serving: 153 Calories, 8 g. Total Fat, 4 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 166 mg. Sodium, 1 g. Total Carbohydrate, 0 g. Dietary Fiber, 19 g. Protein, 66 mg. Calcium.

### Vegetable Tagine

(makes 4 servings)

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups whole baby or diced carrots
- 11/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1"-piece cinnamon stick
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 cups canned plum tomatoes w/liquid 12 ounces drained cooked chick-peas 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
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### SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 18, 1997

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, June 18, 1997 was called to order at 5:50 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Members Lenossi and Langley absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused). Mrs. Eva W. Webb was invited to join the Board of Education meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Status Report on Initiatives

Administrative staff updated the Board of Education on the status of the Initiatives and also proposed enhancements such as extension of kindergarten for My Friends and Me, restructuring of Adult and Community Education, and Partnerships.

The administrative staff and presenters also responded to questions by members of the Board of Education.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

6/97/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

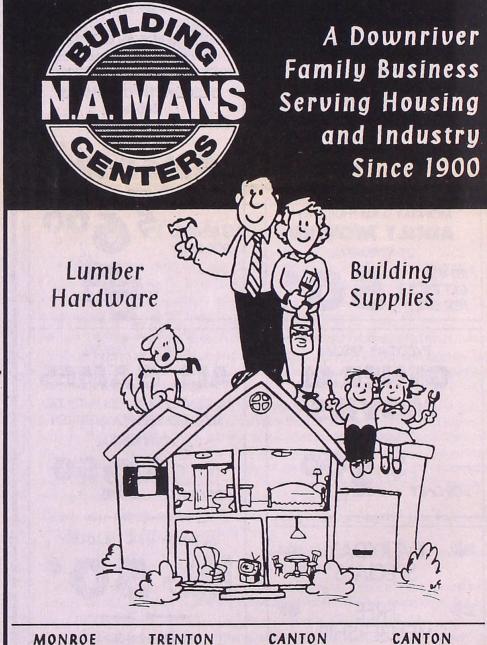
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Howard J. Kesner, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. Entered a party uninvited
- 2. Bent, as an angry cat's back
- 3. An aromatic wood
- 4. Approximately; nearly
- 5. Nautical vessel
- 6. Bill or check
- Particular brand of insulated container
- 8. Different from those specified
- Piece of gymnastic equipment used for vaulting
- 10. Grass cutters
- 11. More inferior or severe
- 12. Painful or tender
- 13. Closest
- 14. Located at the back of a ship
- 15. Declaims violently
- 16. Rough and grating
- 17. Barks shrilly

- 18. Observe secretly
- 19. Wage a war
- 20. Make the sound of a goat or sheep
- 21. Having sufficient skill or talent
- 22. Repulsively, revoltingly ugly
- 23. Provided lodging for
- 24. Wet thoroughly; drench
- 25. Angels
- 26. Mythological monsters having the head and trunk of a woman and the tail, wings, and talons of a bird
- 27. A religious community attending one church
- 28. Bring into view; make known
- 29. Separate into component threads
- 30. Wash; bathe

Solution will appear in our August 15, 1997 issue

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN "VACATION"

How many words of four or more letters can you find using only the letters in VACATION? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 23 words will appear in our August 15, 1997 issue

### **DECKER BIKES FOR AIDS**

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the Romulus community," she continued. Any business or individual who would like to contribute to this worthy cause can do so by calling me at (313) 802-9852 or by sending a donation directly to the AIDS Ride office:

Twin Cities→Chicago AIDS Ride 2835 N. Sheffield, #240 Chicago, IL 60657

For those sending their donations direct, please be sure to include my Rider

Identification Number (445C) so that the amount will be credited toward my total."

Decker closed by urging everyone to remember that the actions of every-day individuals can and do make a difference.

"As Margaret Mead once said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

### TEACHERS LEARN ABOUT INTERNET

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of today's world – will be even more important in the future, and our students must learn how to effectively use this wonderful resource for information and business," she said.

Many of the high-school teachers taking the course are writing web pages that will be part of the Romulus High School web page, allowing teachers to view other teachers' lesson plans and share information as well as resources. In addition, all Romulus Community Schools teachers will be able to com-

municate with each other by sending e-mail via the Internet.

Because giving teachers a complete understanding of their computer, the Internet, and related resources will help them to effectively integrate the District's technology into daily classroom activities, Rossman will continue his Internet instruction at selected Romulus schools in the fall. For additional information about these classes, please call the High School at 941-2170, then dial #205 and leave your name and phone number.

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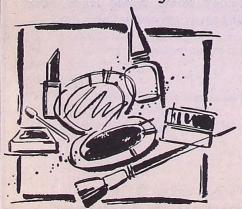
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### WW TOUR AROUND THE WORLD

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In large saucepan, heat oil; add onions, celery, and garlic. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes, until vegetables are tender.

Add carrots, cumin, pepper, cinnamon, and bay leaf to vegetable mixture, cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Add tomatoes, chick peas, and parsley; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, partially covered, for 20 minutes, until carrots are tender. Remove and discard cinnamon stick and bay leaf before serving.

Each serving provides: 1/2 Fat, 31/2 Fruit/Vegetable, 11/2 Protein/Milk.

Per serving: 498 Calories, 5 g. Total Fat, 1 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 698 mg. Sodium, 86 g. Total Carbohydrates, 15 g. Dietary Fiber, 22 g. Protein, 292 mg. Calcium.

### Citrus Red Snapper

(makes 4 servings)

- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground rad pan
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper Four 8-ounce red snapper fillets
- 2 teaspoons peanut oil
- 1 cup sliced yellow bell pepper
- 1/4 cup sliced scallions (white and green parts)
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons orange juice 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice Lemon and lime slices to garnish (optional)

On paper plate or sheet of wax paper, combine flour, coriander, ginger, and red pepper. Coat one side of each fish fillet with flour mixture; set aside.

In large nonstick skillet, heat oil; add fish fillets, floured side down. Cook over medium-high heat until browned on bottom. With spatula, transfer fish to plate; set aside.

Add yellow pepper, scallions, broth, and orange, lemon, and lime juice to skillet; stir to combine. Return fish to skillet, browned side up; reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, 3-5 minutes, until fish flakes easily when tested with fork and vegetables are tender. With slotted spatula, transfer fish and vegetables to a large, decorative platter.

Cook pan juices until reduced in volume to about 1/4 cup; pour over fish. Garnish with lemon and lime slices if desired

Each serving provides: 1/2 Fat, 3/4 Fruit/Vegetable, 3 Protein/Milk, 20 Bonus Calories.

Per serving: 279 Calories, 5 g. Total Fat, 1 g. Saturated Fat, 84 mg. Cholesterol, 150 mg. Sodium, 7 g. Total Carbohydrate, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 48 g. Protein, 83 mg. Calcium.

Source: Weight Watchers Quick Meals, 1995. □

### Community Calendar

- Youths Recognized for Fitness Program Performance Romulus youngsters who finished among the top three in events at the recent Youth Fitness Program, held at Lower Huron Park, will be recognized at the Romulus City Council meeting to be held on Monday, August 4. The youngsters are: Brent Graves, Krya Thomas, Kanaya Williams, and Winston Wade (second place, relay team ages 7 to 8); LaShawnda Harris (first place, agility run ages 11 to 12); Autumn Jacquay (third place, softball throw ages 13 to 14); Rayshawn Jones (second place, running long jump ages 9 to 10). In all, approximately 40 communities participated in the program.
- Garage Sale Don't miss the giant garage sale to be held at the Thomas J. Coleman Center (located at 35351 Beverly Road in Romulus) on Saturday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature "all you can get in a bag" for \$2. Fish dinners and sandwiches will also be available for sale.
- The Mayor's Chair The August edition of The Mayor's Chair will feature special guest David Paul, director of the City of Romulus Department of Public Works, who will be on hand to give an update and answer all questions regarding the status of the Goddard Road project. The program will air on Cable Channel 40 at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 14. Anyone wishing to be present in the audience during the taping of the show must be seated in the City Council Chambers no later than 6 p.m. Those watching from home will be able to phone in their questions by calling 942-7571 during the program.
- "Fifth Reunion of the '50s" Romulus High School's classes of 1950–1959 will host their fifth annual Reunion of the '50s on Saturday, October 25, at the Crown Plaza—Detroit Metro Airport. Tickets for the event (social hour/cash bar at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; music/dancing after dinner) are \$40 per person/\$75 per couple. Checks should be made payable to "Gloria Chandler/Reunion for the '50s" and mailed to her at 9261 Ozga Road, Romulus, MI 48174, before September 1. In addition, the Crown Plaza is offering a reduced rate of \$69 per room for those wishing to stay overnight (make your reservations early!).
- Big, Beautiful People Welcome! The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.
- Crafters/Vendors Wanted Volunteers from the Romulus Pump-kin Festival Committee continue to work hard to create a street festival to be held in downtown Romulus September 20–21, but they need your help to make it a success! The committee is currently taking applications from crafters, merchandise vendors, and food vendors who would like to participate, as well as entertainers who would like to volunteer to show off their talents. For crafter/vendor information or applications, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.) or Maria Lambert at 942-7543 (before 6 p.m.). For entertainer information, call Ellen Bragg at 942-9207 (between 3 and 8 p.m.).
- St. Paul's Seeks Crafters St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is seeking artists and crafters to participate in its 14th annual "Country and Craft Show," set for October 4–5. Spaces at this indoor show are \$30 without table/\$35 with table (for both days). For more information, contact llene Shaffer (753-4534) or the Church (753-9048).

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## RMS Leadership Students Made a Difference in 1996–97

Romulus Middle School's leadership students worked hard to make a difference during the 1996–97 school year, according to Life Management instructor Betty Santo.

After attending a two-day summer leadership camp, the students sat down to plan a variety of community-service projects. Over the course of the year, these projects included:

- promoting MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) awareness by making banners/posters;
- participating in fund-raising activities to benefit Stephanie Smith and Cymmone Pyles;
- hosting a clothing and canned-food drive:

- putting together a total of seven food baskets for the hungry;
- making ornaments for homebound senior citizens;
- hosting a St. Patrick's Day luncheon for senior citizens;
- participating in the Kentucky food and clothing drive;
- lending a helping hand at the Mother's Day luncheon held at the Romulus Senior Center; and
- helping out at the Romulus Senior Center's annual picnic.

"Leadership students provided our community with service that can only come from the heart," said Santo. "With hard work and determination, they did make a difference this year."



Romulus Middle School students took time out to pose for a group picture before helping out at a Mother's Day luncheon for senior citizens.

### ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### **REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 23, 1997**

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 23, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed all Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Delete Item VI. A. "Resolution of Appreciation for Sandra F. Langley" and add Item VI. M.1. "Communications and Expressions from the Public" under Report of the Superintendent.

6/97/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**6/97/14** Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of June 10, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Routine personnel actions: Employment – Jason Balcom, P.E. Teacher, Effective September 2, 1997; Peter Irwin, Special Education Teacher, Effective September 2, 1997; Liza Mockeridge, Special Education Teacher, Effective September 2, 1997; and Lewis C. Smith III, Elementary Teacher, Effective September 2, 1997.

**6/97/15** Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to approve the personnel actions as offered by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**6/97/16** Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to Romulus Community Schools for Elvira Cline as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/97/17 Moved by Kesner supported by Lenossi to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Susan Vogel-Anderson as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Navs: 0. Motion carried.

6/97/18 Moved by Kesner supported by Lenossi to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Alice Ruffolo as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/97/19 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Margaret Ballentyne, John Morgan, Judy Nutt, Victoria Roberts, Nettie McDonald, and Douglas Maison, as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

6/97/20 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report of Adult, Community, and Alternative Education

6/97/21 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to accept the report and recommendations to implement the structural changes as presented by Mike Teasdale and recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Senior High World History, Middle School Science, and Algebra I Textbooks 6/97/22 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to adopt the Senior High World History textbooks, Middle School Science textbooks, and the Algebra I textbooks as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

Josten's – Contract

6/97/23 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the extension of the Josten's Contract for the 1997–98 school year as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3. Motion carried.

#### Van Buren Schools - Continuation of Lease

6/97/24 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the extension of the existing agreement with Van Buren Schools for the 1997–98 school year as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### My Friends and Me - Extend to Kindergarten

6/97/25 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the extension of the My Friends and Me Program to a limited number of kindergarten students as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Athletic Trainer Contract

6/97/26 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to approve the contract with Oakwood Healthcare for athletic training services for the 1997–98 school year as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Partnership Plans - 1997-98

Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, reported that we are trying, through carry-over grant funds, to revitalize our Business-Partnership Program.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education and Administration relative to the curriculum and homework issues of the School District.

### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education:

1) WCRESA – Election Results; 2) Letter to Mr. Hurst from the Bennetts; and 3) Letter to Dr. Bedell from Mrs. Woods.

### Questions and Concerns of Board Members

Several Board Members complimented Sandra Langley on her many years of service to the Romulus Community Schools and students.

\*\*Adjournment\*\*

6/97/27 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Howard J. Kesner, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

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### **ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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### STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 14, 1997

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Community Schools held on Monday, July 14, 1997 was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed all Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn.

#### ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn asked for nominations.

### Nominations opened for the Office of President:

Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek to nominate Member Oleszkowicz. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Oleszkowicz elected President unanimously.

#### Nominations opened for the Office of Vice President:

Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to nominate Member Kesner. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice President was closed. Member Kesner elected Vice President unanimously.

### Nominations opened for the Office of Secretary:

Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to nominate Member Lenossi. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Secretary was closed. Member Lenossi elected Secretary unanimously.

### Nominations opened for the Office of Treasurer:

Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to nominate Member Woods for the Office of Treasurer. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Treasurer was closed. Member Woods elected Treasurer unanimously.

7/97/1 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz to appoint Joel R. Carr as Assistant Treasurer for the Romulus Board of Education for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/97/2 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz to appoint Doreen A. McEvilly as Executive Secretary to the Romulus Board of Education for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/97/3 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner that the Board of Education name Comerica and First of America to continue as depositories and that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/97/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek that the Board of Education of the Romulus Community School District schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/97/5 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/97/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Woods that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz and Thrun, Maatch, and Nordberg, P.C., to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/97/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

7/97/8 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

### Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

#### Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of August: Hester Baker, Dorothy Chase, Mary Dickason, Marian Ferch, Violet Harrawood, Aria Ibach, Margaret Mawby, Mary Mills, Audry Moomaw (manager), Eula Payne, Elsie Robinson, Betty Staffeld, Betty Swaney, and James Thompson.

#### Candidates Speak Out

In order to help local seniors make an informed choice when casting their vote for treasurer of the City of Romulus in the September primary and November general elections, the Romulus Senior Center is hosting a "meet the candidates" coffee klatch at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 11. Invited to participate in the event are candidates Pamela Morrison-Kersey, Howard Kesner, and Kris Moe. (Due to limited seating, the Center is asking those interested in attending to sign up at the Center.)

### Fly Away Home

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – Fly Away Home, starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin—will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 15. Refreshments will be served.

#### Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center's next potluck dinner, set for Friday, August 22, at 1 p.m., will feature a main dish of sweet-n-sour chicken, meatballs, and rice in keeping with this month's "tropical" theme. As always, you're invited to bring a dish and bring a friend.

### **Shopping Trips**

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, August 8. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

### **Special Trips**

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

Day Trips – Seats are still available for the following day trips: "Mt. Pleasant Casino" (Saturday, August 2; \$31), "Port Stanley, Ontario" (Monday, August 18; \$43), and an "Amish Country Tour" (Saturday, September 6; \$54). Sign up now.

#### Toledo Zoo

Don't monkey around; be sure to sign up for the Center's trip to the Detroit Zoo, set for Wednesday, August 20. The \$6 fee covers transportation, admission, and parking only, so be sure to bring a sack lunch or extra funds for cafe/vendor foods.

#### Senior Safety Luncheon

State Senator Loren Bennett will host a safety seminar/pasta luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, August 25, beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the seminar, but only those who have signed up by the August 18 deadline will be able to stay for the luncheon which will follow.

#### Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 28. As always, Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise. Please come: Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

### Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.)

### **Weekly Programs**

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m. beginning in September); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Free Blood-pressure Readings

Community Emergency Medical Service conducts its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. (Next date: July 28.) No advance registration is required.

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### ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 14, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 14, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell and Dr. Samuel B. La Monica were absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/97/9 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

7/97/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of June 18 and June 23, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, submitted the following personnel recommendations for Board approval: Employment – Kathy Flanigan, Senior High, Spanish/Humanities; Marci Tomchick, Senior High, Math; Alexandra Cooper, Middle School, Social Studies; Amy Lusher, Special Services, Psychologist; Rebecca Bales, Barth, Second Grade; Lauren Whithey, Barth, Second Grade; Roxana Dobbs, Halecreek, Resource Room; Carole Durgy, Halecreek, School Social Worker, Charissa Laub, Halecreek, Resource Room; Gretchen Notaro, Halecreek, First Grade; Susan Novaro, Halecreek/Barth, Speech Therapist (3/5); Heather Sohm, Halecreek, Third Grade; Greta Britton, Merriman, Second Grade; Ronnie Mayfield, Merriman, School Social Worker; Dawn Sims, Merriman, Fourth Grade; Elise Cianciola, Wick, School Social Worker; Lisa Kerr, Wick, Sixth Grade; and Jennifer Richard, Wick, Third Grade. Retirement – Lenora Bird, Effective June 13, 1997.

7/97/11 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner to approve the retirement of Lenora Bird, Effective June 13, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/97/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the personnel actions (employment) as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

7/97/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### MEMBERSHIPS:

### Michigan Association of School Administrators

7/97/14 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Administrators for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Michigan High School Athletic Association

7/97/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., for the 1997–98 school year by adopting the attached resolutions. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Michigan Association of School Boards

7/97/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 1997–98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Committee Appointments

Julie Oleszkowicz, President of the Board of Education, selected the following members of the Board to serve on the listed committees:

Climate: Betty M. Lenossi, Kenneth E. Berlinn, and Michael D. Woods.

Assessment: Julie A. Oleszkowicz and Betty M. Lenossi.

Community: Julie A. Oleszkowicz, Michael D. Woods, and Eva W. Webb.

Technology: Judith A. Gondek and Howard J. Kesner.

Preschool: Judith A. Gondek and Betty M. Lenossi.

Athletics: Michael D. Woods and Judith A. Gondek.

#### **Board Committees:**

Finance: Judith A. Gondek, Betty M. Lenossi, and Michael D. Woods. Policy: Howard J. Kesner, Eva W. Webb, and Kenneth E. Berlinn.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, updated the Board of Education on the revised State Aid issues and responded to their questions.

Surplus Vehicles
7/97/17 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education declare
the attached list of vehicles as surplus and offer them for sale: 1) Vehicle #157, 1985 Pontiac
Wagon; Vehicle #158, 1985 Pontiac Wagon; and Vehicle #136, 1987 Vanette GMC. Ayes: 7.
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Summer School Kickoff

Informational item: Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, updated the Board of Education on the proposed summer school program and responded to their questions.

7/97/18 Moved by Woods supported by Webb that we send letter of commendation to Halecreek Elementary School for their year-end report. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Public Hearing – New Development; 2) Halecreek Elementary School – End-of-year Report; 3) Metro Bureau Articles – Parochial Schools; 4) Baron School – Schools of Choice; and 5) Tentative Schedule – New Hires.

### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Michael Woods and Eva Webb have requested that we get moving on the joint city/school recreation complex so candidates can express their opinions on how they feel about the proposal.

Ken Berlinn commented on Baron's graduation program.

Julie Oleszkowicz requested that Michael Woods be the Board's representative for the Boys' and Girls' Club that is being supervised by John Juriga.

Ken Berlinn will remain on the Executive Board for WCRESA and also act as our Legislative Lien representative.

Howard Kesner will remain a member of the Planning Commission.

#### **Executive Session**

7/97/19 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. and reconvened in Regular

Session at 9:06 P.M.

### ADJOURNMENT:

7/97/20 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

### **Obituaries**

### William M. Katcher

William M. Katcher of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 2, 1997. He was 52 years old.

An employee of General Motors, William was born in Hamtramck, Michigan, on August 26, 1944, and married Barbara Kish in Dearborn, Michigan, on August 29, 1964.

William is survived by his wife Barbara; one son, Timothy Katcher; one daughter, Angela Harrison, and her husband Mark; his father, William V. Katcher; and two sisters, Ida Sundrla and Mary Katcher.

He was predeceased by his mother, Marveline Katcher, and his brother, Stephen Katcher.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 5, at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home (Wayne, MI), with Father Jack Baker (St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Angela Hospice (Livonia, MI). □

### **Richard Wilson Newsom**

Richard Wilson Newsom of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, July 21, 1997, at the age of 72.

Richard was born on March 25, 1925, in Ligon, Kentucky, and married Emma Johnson in Pikeville, Kentucky, on August 13, 1946. The Ford Motor retiree was employed at the company's Rouge Plant from 1953 until 1982.

Surviving Richard are his wife Emma; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Linda L.) Sturtz (Westland, MI) and Mrs. Ronald (Patricia S.) Maitland (Westland, MI); one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

He was predeceased by three brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Woodrow Singleton officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

### Marian (Hudick) Sheptoski

Marian (Hudick) Sheptoski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 8, 1997. She was 70 years old.

A native of Morrisdale, Pennsylvania, Marian was born on June 22, 1927, and married Bernard Sheptoski on August 4, 1956.

Marian is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Don (Faith) Forbush (Romulus, MI); one brother, Johnny Hudick (Romulus, MI); two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Montgomery (Taylor, MI) and Mrs. Ray (Roselyn) Nelson (Romulus, MI); and two grandsons, David

Bernard and Joseph Peter Forbush (both of Romulus, MI).

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard Sheptoski, and one brother, Michael Hudick.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Bishop Kirk Leifson (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Westland, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society. □

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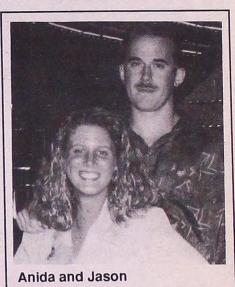
### Jason Laskaska / Anida Keller

Howard and Wendy Keller of Romulus are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anida Ann Keller, to Jason Michael Laskaska, the son of Greg and Audrey Laskaska of Romulus.

The couple, who became engaged on October 31, 1996, plan to exchange their vows on May 16, 1998, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus.

Standing up with Jason will be his best man, Justin Laskaska of Romulus (brother of the groom), as well as groomsmen Grant Laskaska of Romulus (uncle of the groom); Paul Cichowski of Romulus (friend of the groom); Steven Dagger of Harrison (cousin of the bride); Michael Keller of Romulus (brother of the bride); and Ricky Hadynick of Romulus (cousin of the groom).

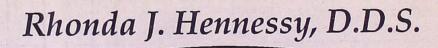
Attending Anida will be her maid of honor, Kristine Werda of Novi (friend of the bride), as well as bridesmaids Carol Swinney of Phil Campbell, Alabama (aunt of the bride); Elaine Fretwell of Russville, Alabama (aunt of the bride); Nicole Laskaska of Romulus (sister of the groom); Rachel Laskaska of Romu-



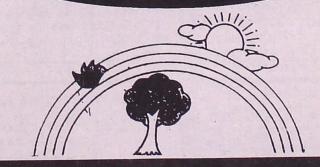
lus (sister of the groom); and Kristen Dagger of Harrison (cousin of the bride).

Chase Fretwell of Russville, Alabama (cousin of the bride), will be the ring bearer; the flower girl will be Emily Doyle of Romulus (godchild of the groom).

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wayne.



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